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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Keiichiro ISHIHARA)	Examiner: James Phan
Application No.: 09/696,000)	Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: October 26, 2000)	
For: OPTICAL SCANNING)	March 5, 2002
APPARATUS, MULTI-BEAM)	
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AMENDMENT AND
RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated February 5, 2002, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 10 through 18 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of Claims 1 and 10 through 18, showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.